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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-79. (cancelled).
- 80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 109, wherein the first favorites menu comprises a first pull-down menu and the second favorites menu comprises a second pull-down menu that differs from the first pull-down menu.
- 81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 109, wherein the first favorites menu contains one or more links that enable access to the first content from a remote source, and the second favorites menu contains one or more links that enable access to the second content from a different remote source.
- 82. (Previously presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the remote source comprises a network services provider.
- 83. (Previously presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the first content comprises email.
- 84. (Previously presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the first content comprises internet content.
- 85. (Previously presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the first content comprises a chat session

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86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 109, wherein the demographic

groupings comprise maturity level groupings.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein the first demographic

grouping comprises a child maturity level and the first favorites menu enables access to child

appropriate content.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87, wherein the second demographic

grouping comprises an adult maturity level and the second favorites menu enables access to adult

appropriate content.

89. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 109, wherein automatically making the

selected first favorites menu perceivable comprises making the selected first favorites menu

perceivable without manual selection by the first child.

90-108. (canceled)

109. (Currently Amended) A method of tailoring a user interface favorites menu for a

user, the method comprising:

establishing a master screen name for a parent or guardian, the master screen

name being associated with a network service provider account;

logging the parent or guardian into the network service provider account under the

master screen name;

while the parent or guardian is logged into the network service provider account

under the master screen name, receiving, from the parent or guardian:

a first subordinate screen name for a first child of the parent or guardian.

the first subordinate screen name being associated with the same network service provider

account as the master screen name:

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instructions to associate the first subordinate screen name with a first demographic grouping from among a list of demographic groupings;

a second subordinate screen name for a second child of the parent or guardian, the second subordinate screen name being associated with the same network service provider account as the master screen name and the first subordinate screen name; and

instructions to associate the second subordinate screen name with a second demographic grouping from among the list of demographic groupings;

associating the first subordinate screen name with the first demographic grouping, wherein the first demographic grouping designates a first favorites menu related to first content and configured to enable access to the first content by the first subordinate screen name having the first demographic grouping;

associating the second subordinate screen name with the second demographic grouping, wherein the second demographic grouping designates a second favorites menu related to second content and configured to enable access to the second content by the second subordinate screen name having the second demographic grouping, the second content being different from the first content;

receiving, from the first child and at the network service provider account, the first subordinate screen name;

in response to receiving the first subordinate screen name from the first child:

accessing the first demographic grouping associated with the first
subordinate screen name;

based on the first demographic grouping associated with the first subordinate screen name, automatically selecting the first favorites menu from among a plurality of favorites menusmenu that includes the first and second favorites menus;

automatically making the selected first favorites menu perceivable to the first child, the selected first favorites menu containing a first plurality of links, each link selectable to access particular content; and

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enabling the first child to manually add links to the first plurality of links or remove links from the first plurality of links in the selected first favorites menu, wherein subsequent perception of the selected first favorites menus reveals a menu of favorites that includes added links and excludes removed links;

receiving, from the second child and at the network service provider account, the second subordinate screen name: and

in response to receiving the second subordinate screen name from the second child:

accessing the second demographic grouping associated with the second subordinate screen name;

based on the second demographic grouping associated with the second subordinate screen name, automatically selecting the second favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menusmenu:

automatically making the selected second favorites menu perceivable to the second child, the selected second favorites menu containing a second plurality of links that is different from the first plurality of links; and

enabling the second child to manually add links to the second plurality of links or remove links from the second plurality of links in the selected second favorites menu, wherein subsequent perception of the selected second favorites menus reveals a menu of favorites that includes added links and excludes removed links.

110. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 109, wherein the list of demographic groupings comprises a list of different access levels to services provided by the network service provider account.

111. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 110, wherein the services comprise favorites menu services

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112. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 109, wherein the first demographic grouping includes a grouping based on an age of the child.

- 113. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 109, wherein the first demographic grouping includes a grouping based on a maturity level of the child.
- 114. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113[[112]], wherein the grouping based on the maturity level of the child includes a kids grouping.
- 115. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113[[112]], wherein the grouping based on the maturity level of the child includes a teenagers grouping.
- 116. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented system for tailoring a user interface favorites menu for a user, the system comprising:
- means for establishing a master screen name for a parent or guardian, the master screen name being associated with a network service provider account;
- means for logging the parent or guardian into the network service provider account under the master screen name;
- while the parent or guardian is logged into the network service provider account under the master screen name, means for receiving, from the parent or guardian:
- a first subordinate screen name for a first child of the parent or guardian, the first subordinate screen name being associated with the same network service provider account as the master screen name:
- instructions to associate the first subordinate screen name with a first demographic grouping, from among a list of demographic groupings;
- a second subordinate screen name for a second child of the parent or guardian, the second subordinate screen name being associated with the same network service provider account as the master screen name and the first subordinate screen name; and

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instructions to associate the second subordinate screen name with a second demographic grouping, from among the list of demographic groupings;

means for associating the first subordinate screen name with the first demographic grouping, wherein the first demographic grouping designates a first favorites menu related to first content and configured to enable access to the first content by the first subordinate screen name having the first demographic grouping;

means for associating the second subordinate screen name with the second demographic grouping, wherein the second demographic grouping designates a second favorites menu related to second content and configured to enable access to the second content by the second subordinate screen name having the second demographic grouping, the second content being different from the first content;

means for receiving, from the first child and at the network service provider account, the first subordinate screen name;

in response to receiving the first subordinate screen name from the first child:

means for accessing the first demographic grouping associated with the
first subordinate screen name;

means for automatically selecting the first favorites menu from among a plurality of favorites menusment that includes the first and second favorites menus based on the first demographic grouping associated with the first subordinate screen name;

means for automatically making the selected first favorites menu perceivable to the first child, the selected first favorites menu containing a first plurality of links, each link selectable to access particular content; and

means for enabling the first child to manually add links to the first plurality of links or remove links from the first plurality of links in the selected first favorites menu, wherein subsequent perception of the selected first favorites menus reveals a menu of favorites that includes added links and excludes removed links;

means for receiving, from the second child and at the network service provider account, the second subordinate screen name: and

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child:

in response to receiving the second subordinate screen name from the second

means for accessing the second demographic grouping associated with the second subordinate screen name:

means for automatically selecting the second favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menusmenu based on the second demographic grouping associated with the second subordinate screen name;

means for automatically making the selected second favorites menu perceivable to the second child, the selected second favorites menu containing a second plurality of links that is different from the first plurality of links; and

means for enabling the second child to manually add links to the second plurality of links or remove links from the second plurality of links in the selected second favorites menu, wherein subsequent perception of the selected second favorites menus reveals a menu of favorites that includes added links and excludes removed links.

117. (New) The method of claim 109, wherein the first subordinate screen name comprises a first user identifier that identifies the first child and the second subordinate screen name comprises a second user identifier that identifies the second child, the first user identifier being different from the second user identifier.

118. (New) The method of claim 117, wherein accessing the first demographic grouping associated with the first subordinate screen name comprises:

using the first user identifier to identify a network service provider subaccount for the first child under the network service provider account, and

identifying the first demographic grouping from information associated with the identified network service provider subaccount.

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119. (New) The method of claim 118, wherein the network service provider subaccount for the first child comprises an account setup by the parent or guardian for the first child to enable the network service provider to provide limitations on access by the first child to services provided by the network service provider and to provide a customized user interface to the first child when accessing services provided by the network service provider.

120. (New) The method of claim 117, further comprising:

storing, in a first entry corresponding to the first user identifier in a table, an identifier for the first demographic grouping; and

storing, in a second entry corresponding to the second user identifier in the table, an identifier for the second demographic grouping.

wherein accessing the first demographic grouping includes accessing, based on the first user identifier, the identifier for the first demographic grouping in the first entry in the table, and

wherein accessing the second demographic grouping includes accessing, based on the second user identifier, the identifier for the second demographic grouping in the second entry in the table.

- 121. (New) The method of claim 109, wherein the first subordinate screen name comprises a name chosen for the first child that identifies the first child to other users when the first child is communicating with the other users online.
- 122. (New) The method of claim 109, wherein the first demographic grouping is distinct from the second demographic grouping.
- 123. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the first subordinate screen name comprises a first user identifier that identifies the first child and the second subordinate screen name comprises a second user identifier that identifies the second child, the first user identifier being different from the second user identifier.

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124. (New) The system of claim 123, wherein the means for accessing the first demographic grouping associated with the first subordinate screen name comprises:

means for using the first user identifier to identify a network service provider subaccount for the first child under the network service provider account, and

means for identifying the first demographic grouping from information associated with the identified network service provider subaccount.

125. (New) The system of claim 124, wherein the network service provider subaccount for the first child comprises an account setup by the parent or guardian for the first child to enable the network service provider to provide limitations on access by the first child to services provided by the network service provider and to provide a customized user interface to the first child when accessing services provided by the network service provider.

126. (New) The system of claim 123, further comprising:

means for storing, in a first entry corresponding to the first user identifier in a table, an identifier for the first demographic grouping; and

means for storing, in a second entry corresponding to the second user identifier in the table, an identifier for the second demographic grouping.

wherein the means for accessing the first demographic grouping includes means for accessing, based on the first user identifier, the identifier for the first demographic grouping in the first entry in the table, and

wherein the means accessing the second demographic grouping includes means for accessing, based on the second user identifier, the identifier for the second demographic grouping in the second entry in the table.

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127. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the first subordinate screen name comprises a name chosen for the first child that identifies the first child to other users when the first child is communicating with the other users online.

- 128. (New) The system of claim 116, wherein the first demographic grouping is distinct from the second demographic grouping.
- 129. (New) A method of tailoring a user interface favorites menu for a user, the method comprising:

establishing a master screen name for a parent or guardian, the master screen name being associated with a network service provider account;

logging the parent or guardian into the network service provider account under the master screen name;

while the parent or guardian is logged into the network service provider account under the master screen name, receiving, from the parent or guardian:

a first subordinate screen name for a first child of the parent or guardian, the first subordinate screen name being associated with the same network service provider account as the master screen name;

instructions to associate the first subordinate screen name with a first demographic grouping from among a list of demographic groupings;

a second subordinate screen name for a second child of the parent or guardian, the second subordinate screen name being associated with the same network service provider account as the master screen name and the first subordinate screen name; and

instructions to associate the second subordinate screen name with a second demographic grouping from among the list of demographic groupings, the second demographic grouping being different from the first demographic grouping;

associating the first subordinate screen name with the first demographic grouping, wherein the first demographic grouping designates a first favorites menu related to first content

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and configured to enable access to the first content by the first subordinate screen name having the first demographic grouping:

associating the second subordinate screen name with the second demographic grouping, wherein the second demographic grouping designates a second favorites menu related to second content and configured to enable access to the second content by the second subordinate screen name having the second demographic grouping, the second content being different from the first content:

based on the first demographic grouping associated with the first subordinate screen name, automatically selecting the first favorites menu from among a plurality of favorites menus that includes the first and second favorites menus:

based on the second demographic grouping associated with the second subordinate screen name, automatically selecting the second favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menus;

receiving, from the first child and at the network service provider account, the first subordinate screen name;

conditioned on receiving the first subordinate screen name from the first child:
automatically making the selected first favorites menu perceivable to the
first child, the selected first favorites menu containing a first plurality of links, each link
selectable to access particular content; and

enabling the first child to manually add links to the first plurality of links or remove links from the first plurality of links in the selected first favorites menu, wherein subsequent perception of the selected first favorites menus reveals a menu of favorites that includes added links and excludes removed links;

receiving, from the second child and at the network service provider account, the second subordinate screen name; and

conditioned on receiving the second subordinate screen name from the second child:

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automatically making the selected second favorites menu perceivable to the second child, the selected second favorites menu containing a second plurality of links that is different from the first plurality of links; and

enabling the second child to manually add links to the second plurality of links or remove links from the second plurality of links in the selected second favorites menu, wherein subsequent perception of the selected second favorites menus reveals a menu of favorites that includes added links and excludes removed links.

130. (New) The method of claim 129, wherein:

automatically making the selected first favorites menu perceivable occurs in response to receiving the first subordinate screen name from the first child, and

automatically making the selected second favorites menu perceivable occurs in response to receiving the second subordinate screen name from the second child.

- 131. (New) The method of claim 129, wherein the first subordinate screen name comprises a first user identifier that identifies the first child and the second subordinate screen name comprises a second user identifier that identifies the second child, the first user identifier being different from the second user identifier.
- 132. (New) The method of claim 131, wherein automatically selecting the first favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menus includes:

using the first user identifier to identify a network service provider subaccount for the first child under the network service provider account,

identifying the first demographic grouping from information associated with the identified network service provider subaccount, and

automatically selecting the first favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menus based on the identified first demographic grouping.

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133. (New) The method of claim 132, wherein the network service provider subaccount for the first child comprises an account setup by the parent or guardian for the first child to enable the network service provider to provide limitations on access by the first child to services provided by the network service provider and to provide a customized user interface to the first child when accessing services provided by the network service provider.

134. (New) The method of claim 131, further comprising:

storing, in a first entry corresponding to the first user identifier in a table, an identifier for the first demographic grouping; and

storing, in a second entry corresponding to the second user identifier in the table, an identifier for the second demographic grouping.

wherein automatically selecting the first favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menus includes accessing, based on the first user identifier, the identifier for the first demographic grouping in the first entry in the table and automatically selecting the first favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menus based on the accessed identifier for the first demographic grouping, and

wherein automatically selecting the second favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menus includes accessing, based on the second user identifier, the identifier for the second demographic grouping in the second entry in the table and automatically selecting the second favorites menu from among the plurality of favorites menus based on the accessed identifier for the second demographic grouping.

135. (New) The method of claim 129, wherein the first subordinate screen name comprises a name chosen for the first child that identifies the first child to other users when the first child is communicating with the other users online.